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REMARKS

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) about the missing of the check valves.

In order to overcome the objection, the applicant amended claim 1 and the specification by deleting the check valves.

The abstract of the specification was objected to because it exceeded 150 words.

In response, the applicant amended the abstract as described in the replaced specification.

The claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. And, the Examiner pointed out that the specification failed to describe what the condensed water-discharging unit is and how it works.

In response to these rejections, the applicant amended claim 1 by changing the paragraph structure and inserting a), b), c) for clarity. Also, the applicant amended the specification to clarify the working of the condensed water-discharging unit.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rothman (U.S. Patent No. 1,798,760) in view of Murray (U.S. Patent No. 1,738,916).

In response to the rejection, the applicant respectfully argues that the condensed water inlet ports were neither disclosed nor implied. The only purpose of the hose (51) was to discharge remaining steam or condensed water from the whole system. Therefore, the hose (51) cannot be interpreted as a "returning tube". The same argument holds to Murray. Murray had never disclosed the idea to recollect the condensed water to generate steam out of it.

The applicant respectfully claims that the curling iron of the present invention is not taught by the cited references.

CONCLUSION

The applicant believes that the rejections were obviated by the amendment of claims, and the application is now in condition for allowance: therefore, reexamination, reconsideration and

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allowance of the claims are respectively requested. If there are any additional comments or requirements from the examination, the applicant asks for a non-final office action.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any over-payment to Deposit Account No. 16-0310.

Very truly yours,

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